

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:189

ANSWERED ON:12.03.2008

DEVELOPMENT OF MINOR PORTS

Karunakaran Shri P.;Satheedevi Smt. P.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for the development of minor ports including Malpe Port in Karnataka under National Maritime Development Programme;
- (b) the funds likely to be incurred on the said projects, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any request from various State Governments including the State Government of Kerala for financial assistance for the development of minor ports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (e) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table on the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 189 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.3.2008 ASKED BY SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN AND ADV. (SHRIMATI) P. SATHEEDEVI REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF MINOR PORTS.

(a) to (e): Under the Indian Ports Act, 1908, the responsibility for development of non- major ports vests in the respective State Governments. However, the Government included seven non-major ports, including Malpe in Karnataka and Azhikkal in Kerala, for development under the National Maritime Development Programme. But, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of these minor ports could not be included for implementation during the 11th Plan for want of funds and no assistance could be provided to Kerala or any other State. Therefore, development of infrastructure at selected minor ports may be taken up by the respective maritime states themselves with private participation in the form of joint venture.

The State Governments proposing to develop any minor port can also avail assistance in the form of grant-in-aid on reimbursement basis under another scheme for making feasibility reports, environment impact assessment studies, hydrographic and other technical surveys, preparation of bid documents etc. The share of Central Government under this Scheme is restricted to 50% of the expenditure incurred by the State Government/UT in a particular year subject to a ceiling of Rs.20 lakh.